Production of drugs whose contents are imported

1645. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of drugs being produced in the country whose import contents are more than 33 per cent of the CIF value of import of each drug;

(b) what is the stage from which each is being produced;

(c) what are the names of the producers and what was the production of each during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) what are the names of drugs which are exempted from price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) Import content in respect of each drug depends upon various factors such as international price of imported raw materials and intermediates, exchange rate of the rupee etc. Since the above factors, as well as the CIF value of the drug, are dynamic in nature, the percentage of import content also various. There are over 300 bulk drugs which are being manufactured indigenously and it is not practically possible to monitor the data asked for in respect of each drug continuously. Therefore, taking into consideration such factors as well as the need for encouraging indigenous manufacture from more basic stages, level of indigenous technology available etc. Government has prescribed basic stages for the manufacture of bulk drugs. Approvals for bulk drugs are being given from these stages.

Anti-cancer drugs

1646. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of anti-cancer drugs which are being produced in the country;

(b) what are names of producers and what was the production of each during 1990-91;

(c) what are the names of drugs allowed for import and what was the import during 1990-91 quantity-wise and value-wise; and

(d) what are the names of drugs which are exempted from customs duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Names of the major anti-cancer drugs produced in the country along with names of their producers are given below:

Name of drug	Name of manufacturer
1. Vinblastine	CIPLA. Infar
2. Vincrestine	CIPLA Infar
3. Cisplatin	Tamil Nadu Dadha
4. Danazole	Tamil Nadu Dadha, CIPLA

Details of production of these drugs are not monitored by this Ministry.

(c) All anticancer bulk drugs which are listed in the various appendixes of the Export Import Policy, like appendixee 3A, appendix 6 lists 3&8, and copy of which is available in the Parliament Library, are allowed for import. Details of import for 1990-91 are not available.

(d) Anticancer fodmulations listed in appednix 6 list 3 are exempted from customs duty. Some important anticancer bulk drugs which are also exempted from customs duty are given in the statement attached.

Statement

1. Cyclophosphamide
2. Mercaptopurine
3. Melphalan
4. L-Asparaginase (Colaspase)
5. CCNU (Lomustine)
6. Ifosfamide
7. Tamoxifin Citrate
8. Flurouracil
9. Metomycin C
10. Busulphan
11. Chlorambucil
12. Methotrexate
13. Cyclophosphamide Triturate
14. Trofosfamide
15. Azathioprine
16. Bleomycin

Cost study of drugs by BICP

1647. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of drugs for which BICP did cost study during the last three years, year-wise and from 1st January, 1991 to 30th June, 1991;

(b) what are the names of drugs for which Government have received the recommendations and when each recommendation was received;

(c) what was the price recommended and fixed for each;

(d) whether it is a fact that certain recommendations are still pending with Government; and

(e) if so, names of those drugs and since when each is pending and by when the prices would be fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) Government has received several reports from BICP in connection with cost-cum-technical studies of bulk drugs and the prices of the bulk drugs concerned have been fixed after examination of the reports of BICP which are notified in the Extraordinary Gazette of India. In regard to other details asked for, the information is too voluminous and the time and efforts required for compiling the information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Import and production of drugs

1648. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of drugs which are being produced indigenously and also being imported in the country;

(b) what are the names of producers and the production of each drug during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what are the names of drugs which are under price control and what is the price fixed for each per unit and when was the price fixed;

(d) what is the production level at which price was fixed; and

(e) what was the import of each of these drugs during the last two years, year-wise, quantity-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. However, drugs which have a strong indigenous angle are shifted to the Limited Permissible List or the Restricted List of the EXIM Policy, depending on the extent of their sensitivity in this regard, and their import is beng regulated according to the existing levels of indigenous production and demand for these drugs.